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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT : CHINESE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS US OBJECT TO SOVIET OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM GUINEA

1. DURING FAREWELL COURTESY CALL ON ME JUNE 15, CHINESE AMBASSADOR HAN KE-HUA REMARKED HE HAD NOT NOTICED ANY US DE-NUNCIATION OF SOVIET USE OF GUINEAN TERRITORY AS BASE FOR CARRYING OUT RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER ATLANTIC. HE WON-DERED WHETHER THIS WAS DUE TO A DECREASE IN SOVIET ACTIVITY OR WHETHER US HAD DECIDED NOT TO DENOUNCE SUCH ACTIONS. HAN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT US PUBLICITY OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES WOULD PROBABLY LEAD GUINEANS TO HAVE SOVIETS REDUCE EXTENT AND FREQUENCY WITH WHICH GUINEAN TERRITORY IS USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

2. I RESPONDED THAT AS HAN KNEW, SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE AIR-CRAFT WERE STILL FLYING OUT OF CONAKRY AIRPORT REGULARLY AND HAD DONE SO AS RECENTLY AS MAY. HOWEVER, USG SAW NO POINT OF
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MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS FACT.

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3. HAN ASKED WHETHER I HAD DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH GUINEAN GOVERNMENT AND WHAT WOULD BE MY REACTIONS TO SUCH DISCUSSION. I REPLIED I HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HAVE TO DO SO. I FELT THAT TO APPROACH GUINEANS ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS INTERFERENCE IN GUINEAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. FURTHERMORE, MOST UNLIKELY THAT GUINEANS WISH TO DISCUSS MILITARY MATTERS WITH A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT THIS TIME GIVEN US MEMBERSHIP IN NATO IN ALLIANCE WITH PORTUGAL. I SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE GUINEANS WOULD BE MORE RESPONSIVE
TO SUCH DISCUSSIONS FROM CHINESE WHO HAD AFTER
ALL BEEN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO GUINEAN DEFENSE.

4. HAN SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE WISHED TO CONDUCT TRULY INDEPENDENT POLICY AND DID NOT WISH TO CEDE ANY GUINEAN TERRITORY AS BASE TO THE SOVIET UNION OR TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT REFUSE TO PERMIT SOVIETS TO USE FACILITIES WHICH THEY HAD HELPED TO CONSTRUCT, BUT GUINEAN AWARENESS OF NEGATIVE EFFECT ON WORLD OPINION MIGHT HELP ENCOURAGE THE GUINEANS TO LIMIT SUCH USE TO A MINIMUM.
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